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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/884,493	Applicant(s) KAPLY ET AL. 	
	Examiner Thanh T. Vu	Art Unit 2174	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-16 and 18-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-16 and 18-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is responsive to Amendment, Filed 06/17/2004.

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. In the Amendment, claim 5, and 17 were cancelled, and claims 1-3, 7-15, 19-20, 22-24 were amended. This action is made Final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4, 7-16, 19-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Qian et al. (“Qian”, Pub. No. US 2002/0032731).

Per claim 1, Qian teaches a method in a data processing system for removing information, the method comprising:

receiving a selection of confidential information for removal from a history (e.g. cookies) generated by a browser, wherein the selection is received prior to a browser session (col. 2, [0017]; col. 3, [0047]; col. 5, [0067], and [0071]), and wherein the history is composed of multiple data elements generated by a browser (col. 5, [0072]);

identifying data elements within the history, that correspond to the confidential information that has been selected (col. 5, [0067], and [0071]); and

responsive to a termination of the browser session, automatically removing the selected confidential information from the history without requiring further user input upon termination of the browser session, wherein only the selected confidential information is removed without destroying the integrity of other portions of the history (col. 2, [0017]; col. 5, [0067], and [0071]).

Per claim 2, Qian teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the confidential information includes at least one of a phone number, a credit card number, a social security number, an address of a user, user identification, a password, and a personal identification number (col. 3, [0047]; col. 5, [0067]).

Per claim 3, Qian teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the receiving step comprises: receiving the selection of confidential information as a user input (fig. 2A; col. 3, [0047]).

Per claim 4, Qian teaches the method of claim 3, wherein the user input is received through a graphical user interface (fig. 2A; col. 3, [0047]).

Per claim 7, Qian teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the confidential information is received as at least one string (fig. 2A; col. 3, [0047]).

Claims 8-9 are rejected under the same rationale as claim 1.

Claim 10 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 2.

Claim 11 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1. Additionally, Qian teaches a data system comprising: a bus system, a communications unit connected to the bus system, a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and a processing unit connected to the bus system (fig. 1; col. 3, [0045], and [0046]).

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Claim 12 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 11.

Claims 13-16, and 19 are rejected under the same rationale as claims 1-4, and 7 respectively.

Claims 20-22 are rejected under the same rationale as claims 8-10 respectively.

Claim 23 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1.

Claim 24 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qian et al. ("Qian", Pub. No. US 2002/0032731) and Barnett et al ("Barnett", U.S. Pat. No. 6,369,840).

Per claim 6, Qian teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the history includes a cookie file, and data associated with Web pages, a location list, and a history list (fig. 3B; col. 3, [0048] col. 5, [0072]), but does not teach a cache for storing the data associated with Web pages, a location list, and a history list. However, Barnett teaches a cache for storing data (col. 6, lines 14-22). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include a cache as taught by Barnett in the invention of Qian because it provides an improved performance by obviating the need for a direct connection.

Claim 18 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 6.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to Amendment 06/17/2004 has been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh T. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4073. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and every other Fri 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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